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## NEW SUBMARINE WAR REGULATIONS HIT MANY SNAGS

Plan to Free Commerce Ships From Undersea Attack Halted.

## U. S. PROPOSAL FINDS MANY OBJECTORS

Committee Votes Strict Application of Existing International Law.

## CHINA AND JAPAN DEADLOCKED

Both Parties Ask America and Britain to Mediate in Shantung Dispute.

## BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The arms conference naval committee spent all of today debating proposals to restrict submarine warfare against merchant craft, but got no further than a general understanding to reaffirm existing principles of international law and declare strict application of those principles in future to submarine operations.

A dispute over phraseology blocked formal adoption of an affirmatory resolution, and the subject was laid aside for consideration by a special subcommittee on drafting. The naval committee itself then began what promises to be a prolonged debate over the American proposal to prohibit use of submarines against merchant vessels altogether.

## NO LIMIT ON AIRCRAFT STRENGTH.

Meantime the subcommittee on aircraft decided to abandon any effort to limit the airplane strength of the powers and to recommend instead that an attempt be made to agree on restrictions that would make air warfare conform with considerations of humanity. Even such regulations, however, were said to be considered by subcommittee members as difficult of formulation.

All the other naval and Far Eastern discussions before the conference remained at a standstill during the day except for an intimation from the Japanese that only mediation by the United States and Great Britain could save the Shantung negotiations from final deadlock.

It was declared, both for the Japanese and Chinese, that their governments had gone as far as possible toward a compromise, and hope of settlement was only in the possibility that some new element could be injected into the conversations.

## EXPERTS FAR FROM AGREEMENT.

There were indications that the next experts of the various powers were far from an agreement on the proposal that submarine carriers be limited, and all the foreign delegations were waiting on further instructions as to the American proposal to establish 10,000 tons as the maximum size for any auxiliary warship. There also was a halt on remaining details of the capital ship itself, a proposed meeting of experts to work out a replacement chart being postponed until later in the week.

## CAPITAL SHIP QUESTION SETTLED.

So far as the capital ship question is concerned, all the delegations appear to regard it as good as settled, although several details remain to be worked out and a draft of a treaty embodying the understanding has been prepared. France has accepted, subject to a reservation, which she has not yet fully explained, so that considerable discussion may take place before even that part of the work of the conference is ready for final approval.

In regard to still another conference problem generally considered settled—the new four-power Pacific treaty—there were signs tonight of revived discussion among the delegations because of the suggestion of Japan that some action be taken to clarify the scope of the agreement in its relation to the major islands of the Pacific area.

Born Shibusawa, of the Japanese delegation, after a discussion of the subject with Secretary Hughes, took the Japanese request to Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British, and it was said afterward that some definite clarification scheme might be brought forward formally in the near future.

## SHOULD SETTLE SCOPE OF TREATY.

In view of the difference of opinion of the treaty's scope between President Harding and the American delegations, the Japanese think there at least should be an exchange of formal notes among the four powers, setting forth the meaning of the pact between them. They are anxious to desire that the main Japanese group of islands be not included under the treaty, but on the other hand the British desire that Australia and New Zealand shall be within its scope.

Although the Senate is not in session, echoes of the proposed fight on ratification of the four-power agreement continue among the delegations. In a formal statement to Senator King, Democrat Utah, referred to the treaty and set forth a summary of what he called the "monumental failure" of the Washington negotiations.

The ratification fight also was discussed during the day between Senator Borah, Republican Idaho, a leader of the anti-treaty forces, and Joseph E. Taylor, Democratic secretary to Woodrow Wilson, in a conference which attracted wide attention and gave impetus to speculation as to what attitude may be taken by the former president.

Thus far no intimation of Mr. Wilson's opinion of the treaty or other conference issues has figured in conference circles. It is known, however, that he has taken a keen interest in all that has transpired, and some of his friends are said to be

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McAdoo Praises Ideas Taught to Boy Scouts

(By United News.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—"If some of the present members of Congress had been given Boy Scout training, we'd have a damn sight better government today," declared William Gibbs McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury, addressing the Brooklyn Rotary Club about the Scout movement.

McAdoo praised the ideals of citizenship taught Boy Scouts.

"I hope church members won't object to my saying," he said, "as they did when I said we would kick hell out of the Kaiser."

## 2 SLAIN, 1 INJURED BY ARMED BANDITS

Enter Pearl River, New York, Bank, but Fail in Hold-up.

## AFTER \$7,000 PAY ROLL

Cashier and Clerk Murdered and Customer Injured as Robbers Escape in Auto.

## BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

PEARL RIVER, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Four armed bandits today swooped down on Pearl River, failed in an attempt to rob the First National Bank and fled in their automobile after slaying two men and probably mortally wounding another.

One robber, wounded by one of his victims, left a slight trail of blood in the snow, but this was lost when he entered the machine. Tonight the town fire department, in their trucks, citizens in private machines and the police stood and stared, were scouring the countryside for the men.

## HAPPENED AT LUNCH HOUR.

It was 12:45 o'clock—the lunch hour—when the robbers appeared to carry out what was evidently carefully planned hold-up.

Driving their machine, they left two of their number in the car, the others opened a back window of the bank with a penknife and slipped inside.

Just what occurred was told by the district attorney, Otto Miller, a railroad lawyer, who was conferring in an inner office with James P. Moore, assistant cashier, when the robbers appeared, and who tonight was critically wounded in the Nyché Hospital, only one other person was in the bank at the time—Seigfried Bunting, a clerk who, with Moore, was slain.

Attracted to the bank by the prospect of obtaining a \$7,000 pay roll for the Dexter Folder Company plant across the street, the robbers, without any preliminaries, began shooting.

## RATE OF BULLETS CONTINUE.

Those receiving contracts today were Chesapeake Construction and Engineering Company, Washington, D. C.; Henry A. Hitler's Sons Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; William J. Green, Boston, Mass.; Charles A. Jording, Baltimore; M. C. Burton Iron and Metal Company, Baltimore, Md.; and the Sales Corporation, Richmond.

The contracts awarded yesterday are in the nature of an experiment. If they net the government any considerable sum of money, the whole fleet of wooden ships now floating

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## ALLEGED SWINDLER OF VIRGINIA MAN IS HELD

Joseph Lynch Dealt Habeas Corpus With Memphis Probate Court.

## BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 29.—The petition for release on a habeas corpus writ of Joseph Lynch, held here in connection with an alleged swindle scheme in which E. Carter, of Lynchburg, Va., declares he was defrauded of \$28,000, was denied late today in Probate Court, and Lynch will be held in \$10,000 bond to await the action of the Shelby County grand jury.

Attorneys for Lynch asked for his release on the ground that the amount of his bond was prohibitive.

The grand jury is expected to take up the case early in January, court officials announced.

## FOLLOWING THE HOUNDS—

Fox hunting has not lost its charm for your true Virginian Horse, and hounds, and a hot trail—what more is needed for the sport that has been associated with Virginia and Virginians since the first scarlet coat of the hunter dashed over Virginia hills in Colonial days? Modern conditions and the use of barbed-wire fences have restrained the chase of Reynard, but Virginia still has its blooded jumpers, its famous packs of hounds, and the horn still winds its strident notes inviting to the pursuit.

## HUNT IN PHOTOGRAPHY—

Not all may follow Reynard from the start, to the kill—few are privileged to experience the thrills of the chase. But all may ride with the hunters in the Photogravure Section of next Sunday's Times-Dispatch. A full page of pictures, real wonders of the art, is in photographic size—photographed from the Governor's annual hunt of one of Virginia's famous fox-hunting associations, from the start, through the thrilling episodes of the chase, to the exciting moment when the fox falls prey to the hounds—everything is there except the baying of the pack, and imagination supplies that one deficiency.

## THEY'RE COMING DOWN

Co-Eds Must Wear 'Em Longer at Maryville.

## BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 29.—They're coming down at Maryville College and for some of them it will be quite a drop. Miss Mary Caldwell, daughter of Mrs. Caldwell, and henceforth the skirts of the shapely co-eds must reach within thirteen inches of mother earth. Lowered skirts are now a prerequisite to high school.

The male of the species is in collision with the dean, carrying yardsticks to measure any skirt that appears to be revealing any proscribed anatomy.

## APPROVE DUTCH INDIES LOAN.

## BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE HAGUE, Dec. 29.—The Dutch government's bill authorizing the negotiation of a loan of \$100,000,000 in the United States, to be used in half of the Dutch East Indies, was passed unanimously today by the first chamber of Parliament. The second chamber adopted the measure last week.

## ORDER YOUR COPY TODAY—

Do not miss this page of old-fashioned Virginia fox-hunting scenes. Why not order your copy of The Times-Dispatch today?

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## FIRM IN RICHMOND ATTORNEY-GENERAL SECURES CONTRACT GIVES RETAIL PRICE TO SCRAP VESSELS PROBE FIRST PLACE

Sales Corporation Will Dispose of Two Wooden Ships Here.

## LYING IN JAMES RIVER, JUST OFF CLAREMONT

Will Pay Government \$1,000 Evidence Sought to Establish Existence of Unlawful Profits.

## IS IN NATURE OF EXPERIMENT TO PUBLISH COST FIGURES

Boats Will Be Towed to Local Port at Once, Sternheimer Brothers Say.

## PRICE-FIXING COMBINE OBJECT OF SEARCH

Justice Department to Give Buyers Opportunity to Judge of Ascent Community Prices.

## EMPLOYEES PROTECTED

Delaware and Hudson Management First to Announce Plan.

## BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Department of Justice agents in New York have been instructed to give their investigation of retail price procedures over all other business, and every available man in the district has been detailed to the work of gathering evidence to be submitted to Attorney-General Daugherty of Washington.

The Sales Corporation is expected to tow the two vessels from their anchorage in the James River, off Claremont, to the plant in Richmond. The company, it was stated last night, has docks and storage facilities to care for even a greater number of the vessels, which are to be scrapped in event the contracts awarded yesterday prove successful.

## CONTRACTS SIGNED YESTERDAY.

An Associated press dispatch from Washington to The Times-Dispatch last night said:

"The contracts covering the experimental scrapping of twelve of the shipping boats were signed yesterday.

As fast as the department agents gather the data it is sent to Washington, and important developments within a week.

## ON HUNT FOR PRICE-FIXERS.

As the work of organization for the coming drive has been completed under the direction of W. J. Burns, director of the bureau of investigation,

large insurance underwriters said that other railroads were negotiating for similar protection for their employees.

Each Delaware and Hudson employee of two years' standing was insured for \$500, and those in the service six months, but less than two years for \$250, the company to pay the entire cost, and the men to select their own beneficiaries.

## PAY INSURANCE IN LUMP SUM.

At death the insurance will be paid in a lump sum, and to permanently or totally disabled workers, in monthly installments. A plan by which the workers banded in chess groups could increase the amount to a maximum of \$5,000 each, the company to pay part of the additional premium and the men the remainder, was also announced.

In addition the company said it had arranged for the workers to take out "at exceedingly low rates" insurance against accidents not covered by the workers' compensation laws, loss of work through sickness, and also unemployment.

No medical examination is to be required.

The cooperation asked by Attorney-General Daugherty from city officials also seems assured.

William D. Hayward, United States district attorney, will act immediately on any evidence submitted to him and Jacob Banton, district attorney for New York County, has declared his willingness to work with the Federal authorities.

## DAUGHERTY TO PUBLISH COMPARATIVE PRICE LISTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Attorney-General Daugherty shortly will publish a comparison of current retail prices and the production costs of commodities as a part of his efforts to stop extortion.

The price list is now being compiled under Daugherty's direction. It will show what the consumer pays for a given article, and what this article cost to produce. Bread prices, for instance, would be compared with wheat and flour.

Daugherty expects the publication of the comparison to curb profiteering.

Dealers, he believes, will voluntarily cut prices when their customers are presented with evidence of extortion.

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## SEARS-ROEBUCK SELL PART OF REAL ESTATE

Julius Rosenwald, Head of Company Pays Firm \$16,000,000 for Property.

## BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Sears, Roebuck & Co. tonight reported the sale to Julius Rosenwald, president of the company, of certain of its Chicago real estate for \$16,000,000, and the gift of 50,000 shares of stock from Mr. Rosenwald, thus permitting the company to go through this period of readjustment with its capital unimpaired and with a small surplus.

Mr. Rosenwald already has made the first payment of 25 per cent in the real estate in cash and Liberty bonds.

Mr. Rosenwald's gift of 50,000 shares of stock, having a par value of \$3,000,000, was on condition that these shares be not sold for less than par, and that he be given the option for a period of three years, to purchase them from the company at par for cash.

## GOVERNOR SMALL TO FACE TRIAL JANUARY 9

IS Charged With Embezzeling \$500,000 of Illinois State Funds.

## BY UNITED NEWS

WAUKESHA, Ill., Dec. 29.—Governor Len Small will go on trial here January 9 on a charge of embezzeling \$500,000 of State funds.

This was determined Thursday when Judge George Edwards upheld the Governor's conviction on this charge. The court dismissed other counts in the indictments charging the Governor with conspiracy with Verne E. Curtis, Grant Park, Ill., banker, and of operating a confidence game.

The Governor's attorneys had asked that the indictments be quashed entirely.

## LAWSON AFTER AIRPLANE RECORD.

MILANO, N. Y., Dec. 29.—At 1 o'clock this morning—sixteen hours after Edward Stinson began an airplane flight in an all-metal monoplane to break the world's continuous flight record of 24 hours 19 minutes 7 seconds—the machine was still in the air.

Mr. Stinson's gift of 50,000 shares of stock, having a par value of \$3,000,000, was on condition that these shares be not sold for less than par, and that he be given the option for a period of three years, to purchase them from the company at par for cash.